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SUBJECT: HONG KONG H1N1 UPDATE (5/15): CG PUSHES BACK WITH
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the Consul General thanking them for their concern and emphasizing how seriously the USG was taking the H1N1 outbreak. Attached to the CG's note was a document outlining the USG's active responses to date, as well as the WHO's cautions against travel restrictions and the likely ineffectiveness of screening to control the spread of H1N1. Points in this document were drawn from inter-agency cleared guidance. The leader of the demonstration accepted the note with thanks, and proceeded to read aloud to the small crowd and the press the key points from our paper, translating into Cantonese as he went. We then overheard him remark to the crowd that he had "been demonstrating for many years," but had never before received such an immediate and responsive reaction. The crowd then dispersed.

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